

UPCOMING EVENTS in FEBRUARY

Teacher Training Workshops, Presentations, and Youth Discussion Club Meetings Schedule

In February Teacher Training Workshops and Presentations will take place on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Some of the seminars will be repeated on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Youth Discussion Club Meetings will be held twice a month on Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. The sessions of the Youth Discussion Club will alternate with methodology workshops that will take place from 3:00 to 4:30 PM on Fridays. Please sign up in advance for a particular event at the circulation desk, by phone (044) 238-6610, or by e-mail: etrc_kyiv@yahoo.com

Wednesday, February 4 from 4:00 - 5:15 PM Effective Techniques in Teaching Grammar (Part I)

Presenter – **Thomas W. Santos**, RELO Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine

Wednesday, February 11 from 4:00 - 5:15 PM Effective Techniques in Teaching Grammar (Part II)

Presenter – **Thomas W. Santos**, RELO Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine

Thursday, February 12 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM If You Want My Opinion: English Constructs for Giving and Receiving Opinions

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

Participants will integrate skills of attentive listening with verbal and nonverbal skills for expressing one's opinion in formal and informal situations. Phrases that communicate strong values, certainty, probability and opinion, and idiomatic speech will be modelled and practiced among pairs.

Friday, February 13 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM Have I Told You Lately. . .? The Skill and Art of Informal Notes

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

Some people fear the skill of writing letters and notes is being lost in technology, but the personal touch by writing informal notes is invaluable for human communication. This seminar reviews the skills and art of composing social notes written for specific occasions which highlight events, or which affirm other persons in our lives. Language skills focus on: identify purpose to match type of occasion, select word choice and synonyms, compose natural versus stereotyped phrases, organize content, contrast informal with formal letters.

Participants will generate a list of occasions to which they could respond with an informal note. They will have time to practice a variety of written notes, giving and receiving feedback with partners or in small group members. Form and mechanics of language skills will be observed with attention to synonyms and elimination of trite or stereotyped phrases. The February observance of Valentine Day will be included. Art and craft materials will be available for making a valentine if one so wishes. Instructive Internet websites will be provided.

Wednesday, February 18 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM Seminar Series Communicative Practices for English Language Learning: *Learning English to Learn in English Writing, Final Workshop*

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

This is the last workshop on writing from the series Communicative Practices for English Language Learning: *Learning English to Learn in English*. This seminar examines advantages of the shift to students' collaborative efforts in composition, the advantages of Word Processing for the editorial process, and standards for creating a Writer's Portfolio with assessment through rubrics.

Thursday, February 19 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM Seminar Series Communicative Practices for English Language Learning: *Learning English to Learn in English Writing, Final Workshop*

(This is a repetition of the Wednesday seminar)

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

Friday, February 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM Youth Discussion Club

Moderator: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

The meeting will extend its look from "Volunteerism in the U.S.A. " to volunteerism within Ukraine sites. Participants will have an opportunity to report on their current involvements in service organizations, comparing activities to their USA colleagues.

Please share this information with your students who are willing to participate. Registration is necessary as the number of participants is limited.

To sign up please provide the participants' names by phone (044) 238-6610, or by e-mail:

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*Note: Those who attend monthly Youth Club meetings will qualify for the privilege to become a **Junior ETRC member** and receive a valid library card for one academic year. Junior members will be allowed to borrow fiction and periodicals from the ETRC library.*

Wednesday, February 25 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM Good News/Bad News Dialogs

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS English Language Fellow

Language skills empower clear communication. Language practice will focus on use of simple past and past progressive verb tenses to explain past events, use of clauses with when-while-as for explanations, and use of courteous phrases for requesting information or responding to surprising or unexpected news.

Thursday, February 26 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM Good News/Bad News Dialogs

(This is a repetition of the Wednesday seminar)

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

Friday, February 27 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM Civil Rights: An Overview of Precursors Who Have Paved the Way for an Afro-American President: JFK, LBJ, MLK, RFK

Presenter: **Mary Martin Lane**, MS, English Language Fellow

The seminar will be focused on improving English proficiency through content reading and higher-level questions to provoke critical thinking. Participants will be introduced to and produce a personal edition of the Zink "Foldable Study Organizer" to identify major contributions of each presidential leader and to classify results under each administration.